

## THE COMMUNITY SPEAKS UP

# Cheers and Jeers

**JEERS** ☞ The Texas Department of Transportation promised us several weeks ago the completion of U.S. Highway 67 West for the holidays. Well, the holidays are over. It looks completed to me. I do not see any activity anymore, but yet barrels are still all over the place and the traffic between Kmart and around Kings Highway is still subject to long, stalling lines. If it ever gets opened for traffic, my thanks for a very nice improvement. What is the holdup? Were they talking about the holidays in 2003?—M.S., Texarkana, Texas

**CHEERS** ☞ To CableOne's Jay Butler and Donna Chatman along with Kenna Dodds and Jenny Mitchell for coordinating a Holiday Food Drive for Harvest Texarkana and providing wonderful TV, newspaper, radio and mail advertising. Thanks to Albertson's managers Don Brown, Jeff Harris and Skip Stanley for donating hundreds of bags of food that shoppers donated

to Harvest Texarkana. Cheers to Mike Simpson, Fabienne Thrash, Michael B. and Alex Rain at Texarkana Radio for all of their support, donated advertising and live remotes. Cheers to the Texarkana Bandits for their support and letting their mascot hand out free Bandits tickets to the kids!—M.H., Harvest Texarkana

**JEERS** ☞ To Texas' license plate policy. I have Pearl Harbor survivor plates that had to come from Austin. After three weeks I received the decal. I tried to return the new plates for refund, but was told they had to be sent to Longview; they couldn't do it here. I sent the plates to Longview, three weeks later they returned them and told me I had to return them with my new vehicle registration. Three weeks later I received my refund, but not the \$7.70 and time wasted. Surely we should be able to do such a simple job in one office. —H.B.O'C., Texarkana, Texas

## Other Viewpoints

### Needed jobless benefits restored

President Bush vowed last week to restore jobless benefits that have expired for hundreds of thousands of Americans, and we're glad to hear it. Had he worked to extend the benefits in November, when Washington callously ignored the issue, the president could have spared Americans much pain this holiday season.

The president made the pledge in his weekly radio address last Saturday, the same day 800,000 Americans lost their jobless benefits. States typically provide 26 weeks of assistance, but in March the federal government offered 13 weeks of additional assistance because of the extended period of rising unemployment. But Congress failed to agree on a renewal package before leaving town for the year in November, causing the benefits to begin expiring today. Under current policy, about 95,000 people will lose benefits each week.

This cutoff is an indefensible display of political gamesmanship. With winter here and unemployment at 6 percent and expected to rise, Republican and Democratic leaders in

Washington should have rallied around a strong package of uninterrupted benefits. ...

Severing benefits isn't just cruel; it is bad economics. The aid goes quickly into the U.S. economy, buying essential goods, feeding families, saving homes. ...

Now the president says restoring jobless benefits is "one of my first priorities for the new Congress." It should be the first piece of legislation that reaches the president's desk. Jobless Americans need this temporary help get back on their feet, to keep their families healthy and their long-term financial security intact.

Speed can mean everything for jobless Americans—providing them with aid to get over the immediate hump and freeing them focus on opportunities in the workplace. They shouldn't have to worry, for now, about dinner the light bill or whether the hot water comes on. They should have enough financial security to keep their minds on finding work in a fast-changing economy that becomes more competitive by the day.

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August 5, 2002

Dear Friends:

We trust everyone is doing well and enjoying the summer. We are writing to make you all aware that we are in need of your continued support. We are facing a time of year when expenses are high and income is low. We have been greatly blessed by your contributions thus far, and your investments have been able to provide so many positive changes and opportunities for our children.

*Over the past few months, we have placed six more children, hired new houseparents, and opened our fifth group home. We are licensed to provide guardianship and complete care for forty children. Not only do we provide care and counseling services to these children in need, but our trained staff also provides counseling services and life skills education for parents and family members when restoration of the home is the goal. We now have over 110 acres, five homes, a recreation center, and a school. Our staff employs sixteen men and women, and we utilize over two hundred volunteers to help accomplish these objectives.*



We simply wanted to express how much we need and appreciate you, and we wanted you to know that your gifts are truly changing lives and offering hope to these children. Because of your concern, the children of Watersprings Ranch are able to witness and understand the life changing message and power of God's love.

Sincerely,

*David & Carla Whatley*  
David & Carla Whatley

Thank You

Fabian,

Thank you so very much for  
your help with the CISA PSAG. I know  
we'll get some great responses from there.  
I appreciate all your help and  
support. Look forward to working with you.  
Cynthia Jenkins

Cardiovascular diseases  
and stroke claim the  
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January 14, 2003

Texarkana Radio  
615 Olive St.  
Texarkana, TX 75501

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Texarkana, may we express our sincerest appreciation for your generous donation to the American Stroke Association during HealthSouth-Texarkana's ten year anniversary celebration.

Stroke is the nation's third-leading cause of death, killing an estimated 167,000 people each year. It is also the nation's leading cause of severe long-term disability. Through donations such as yours, the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, is able to help in the search for new avenues of prevention and treatment for this devastating disease.

We appreciate your support for this important work in our community and encourage you to contact us for information about educational offerings and volunteer opportunities.

Sincerely,



Audrey Norwood  
Regional Director



Tracy Penny  
Director of Marketing Operations

**\$300.00 of your contribution is tax deductible ID#135613797**

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March 28, 2001

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**KTFS AM  
615 Olive St.  
Texarkana, TX 75501**

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your assistance during the response and recovery period of the devastating ice storms of December 2000.

Without the help of media leaders like you, we would be unable to keep the general public informed of the various forms of assistance that are available to them. Recovering from these horrendous types of disasters would be very difficult were it not for people like you being so generous with your time and your facilities. Arkansas and its residents owe you a debt of gratitude for your willingness to assist.

We are deeply appreciative of your dedication to your community. When nature dealt your state the very worst scenario, you presented the assistance in the most helpful and positive manner.

W.R. "Bud" Harper, Director  
Arkansas Department of Emergency Management

Sincerely,

Joe D. Bray, Coordinating Officer  
Federal Emergency Management Agency

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To: Mark Leavy  
Border County

Re: Thank You

I would really like to take time to thank you for your recent support of our Bowie County Mounted Patrol Search and Rescue Benefit Rodeo. This is a big event. It can become an annual event that we can all be proud to be a part of. This is a volunteer organization that is not funded by any county or other entity's budget money. They must raise their own money. The money raised will go to help them with their needs such as equipment and training they are required to attend by the state. We can all be a proud part of this volunteer organization. Again thanks for your support.

*James W. Prince*  
James Prince



**American Red Cross**

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July 9, 2001

Mark Levy  
Texarkana Radio  
615 Olive Street  
Texarkana, Texas 75501

Dear Mark:

On behalf of the Texarkana Area Chapter and victims of disaster, I would like to thank you, Tiffany Taylor, Tommy Tucker, Dan Hentschel, and Alex Rain for your participation in the Sonic Celebrity Car-Hop last week.

With the high temperature on Friday, I know it wasn't easy, but with your help, we were able to raise \$1,350.00 for disaster relief.

Thank you for always being such a good supporter of this Chapter and its services to others.

Sincerely,

Nedra H. Turney  
Executive Director

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November 7, 2001

Mr. Mark Levy  
Texarkana Radio  
615 Olive Street  
Texarkana, TX 75501

Dear Mark:

On behalf of the children and staff, I would like to personally thank you and Texarkana Radio for your contribution of \$155.00. I know that a lot of time and hard work went into your efforts working at the fair and running all the commercials. The funds will be used to provide clothing, food and other various day to day expenses and needs for the children.

Just saying thank you doesn't seem adequate for how appreciative we really are, but please know that you have made a difference in the lives of some very special children.

Thank you again for your continued interest and support.

Sincerely,

David Whatley  
Administrator

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November 20, 2001

Mr. Dan Hentschel  
Texarkana Radio  
615 Olive Street  
Texarkana, TX 75501

Dear Mr. Hentschel:

Thank you for your tremendous support of the Pleasant Grove High School DECA Chapter's Rock-A-Thon for the Toys for Tots Program sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. The *Rockin' for Tots* event was a tremendous success and it was in large part due to your exemplary promotion and the station's unwavering support of the event.

We appreciate your support of the youth of our community—not only those in need, but the high school students as well. Please know that hundreds of children will be touched this Christmas season because of your commitment to community service and goodwill.

Sincerely,

Gloria Shimanek, Marketing Coordinator  
Pleasant Grove High School

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# CareFest

## Texarkana 2001

*"Offering our hearts and resources to the people of Texarkana"*

Texarkana Radio  
Mr. Mark Levy

December 4, 2001

The Pastor's Prayer Network of Texarkana would like to express our thanks to you for providing generous public service air time for the CareFest outreach last month. CareFest Texarkana 2001 was truly a success, and we believe will have far-reaching positive impact on the community for years to come. Many needy people in this community were served in this city-wide humanitarian effort. We couldn't have done it without your help.

Sincerely,  
Paul S. Tyer  
CareFest Director

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November 12, 2001

Mr. Mark Levy  
Texarkana Radio  
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Dear Mark:

The Texarkana Chamber of Commerce Business Education Coalition would like to express our appreciation to you for your generous support of our recent Career Fair. The two-day event drew more than 2,500 high school juniors and seniors from 21 school districts from Arkansas and Texas.

The seminar presentations were timely and informational. As the students begin to chart their future goals, know that the students will use your information as they fill out those endless forms and applications, write those personal essays, and ponder the decisions that need to be made.

Again, on behalf of the students, we would like to thank you for your support of the 2001 Career Fair.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Craven".

Mike Craven  
Chair, Career Fair 2001

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Duckert".

Mary Duckert  
NE Texas Workforce Development Board